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INSURANCE ACT.

MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND.

THE memorandum of the Chancellor of the Exchequer setting out the preliminary arrangements made for the organization of the work of medical research for which provision was made under the Insurance Act, 1911, was published in the SUPPLEMENT to the JOURNAL of June 28th, 1913. The provision was made by Section 16 (2) of the Act, which is as follows:

(2) The sums available for defraying the expenses of sanatorium benefit in each year shall be:

(*a*) One shilling and threepence in respect of each insured person resident in the county or county borough, payable out of the funds out of which benefits are payable under this part of this Act;

(*b*) One penny in respect of each such person payable out of moneys provided by Parliament;

Provided that the Insurance Commissioners may retain the whole or any part of the sums so payable out of moneys provided by Parliament to be applied, in accordance with regulations made by the Commissioners, for the purposes of research.

Provisional regulations for the administration of the Fund were issued last August. These regulations have been revised, chiefly in respect of certain accounting and legal technicalities, and have now been issued by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee as substantive regulations as follows:

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND) REGULATIONS, 1914.

The National Health Insurance Joint Committee, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by subsection (2) of Section 16 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and by the National Insurance (Joint Committee) Amendment Regulations, 1913, hereby make the following Regulations:

1.—These Regulations may be cited as the National Health Insurance (Medical Research Fund) Regulations, 1914.

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

The expression "The Act" means the National Insurance Act, 1911:

The expression "the Joint Committee" means the National Health Insurance Joint Committee.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—All sums which may be retained for the purposes of research in accordance with the proviso to subsection (2) of Section 16 of the Act, either by the Joint Committee or by any of the several bodies of Commissioners appointed for the purposes of Part I of the Act, shall be paid at such times and by such instalments as the Joint Committee may direct into a fund, to be called the Medical Research Fund, under the control and management of the Joint Committee, and any such moneys may be paid to that Fund, and applied for those purposes in accordance with these Regulations at such times as the Joint Committee may direct during the financial year in respect of which they are provided by Parliament, notwithstanding that they would not, if not so retained, be available to be paid or credited to Insurance Committees until the commencement of the calendar year next following the date upon which the provision becomes available.

4.—(1) A Committee shall be constituted for the purposes of research, called the Medical Research Committee, of which the persons whose names appear in the First Schedule to these Regulations shall be the first members.

(2) The first members of the Committee shall hold office for a period of not less than three years from the 20th day of August, 1913, and thereafter three members of the Committee, to be selected in such manner as the Committee may determine, shall retire at intervals of two years, but shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) Any vacancy whether casual or otherwise which may hereafter occur among members of the Committee shall be filled by appointment by the Chairman of the Joint Committee; but any person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall only hold office for the remainder of the period of office of the member in whose place he is appointed.

5.—(1) There shall also be constituted an Advisory Council for Research, of which the persons whose names

appear in the Second Schedule to these Regulations shall be the first members.

(2) The first members of the Advisory Council shall hold office for a period of three years from the 20th day of August, 1913, and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(3) All appointments to the Advisory Council whether in the event of any casual vacancy or otherwise shall hereafter be made by the Chairman of the Joint Committee in such manner and for such periods as he may determine from time to time.

6.—(1) The Medical Research Committee shall appoint one of their members in writing to be Treasurer of the Committee, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive on behalf of the Committee all sums payable to the Committee out of the Medical Research Fund.

(2) The Committee may appoint such officers and servants and may expend such moneys for the administrative purposes of the Committee (including travelling expenses and subsistence allowances for members and staff) as it thinks fit, subject, as to the number of such officers and servants and their remuneration and as to the scale of travelling expenses and subsistence allowances, and as to the amount of such moneys, to the approval of the Chairman of the Joint Committee.

7.—(1) The Medical Research Committee shall from time to time prepare schemes for research, including, if the Committee think fit, schemes for inquiries and the collection and publication of information and statistics, and shall submit such schemes to the Chairman of the Joint Committee for his approval.

(2) Every such scheme shall contain an estimate of the expenditure necessary for the carrying out of the scheme, and shall specify the period within which such expenditure is to be incurred.

8.—Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Medical Research Committee may, for the purposes of any scheme approved as aforesaid, apply any moneys received by the Treasurer of the Committee from the Medical Research Fund in the purchase or other acquisition of land or any interest therein, or any plant, furniture, or other chattels, and in the erection, alteration, or maintenance of any building or other works, and in the payment of any costs, charges, and expenses of, or incidental to, the said scheme or any powers conferred by or pursuant to these Regulations.

9.—(1) The Chairman of the Joint Committee may from time to time by writing appoint two or more members of the Medical Research Committee to be trustees of the Committee, and the provisions of the Trustee Act, 1893, shall apply accordingly.

(2) All property purchased out of moneys received by the Treasurer of the Medical Research Committee from the Medical Research Fund or otherwise acquired for the purposes of the Committee, shall be vested in the trustees for the time being of the Committee, and in the case of land on trust for sale with full powers of management and disposition.

(3) No interest in land shall be acquired by the Medical Research Committee under these Regulations, or under any scheme made in pursuance thereof, without the consent in writing of the Chairman of the Joint Committee.

(4) The trustees shall execute a declaration of trust declaring such trusts and containing such powers and provisions relating to any property for the time being vested in them or the proceeds of sale thereof as the Chairman of the Joint Committee shall, subject to the provisions of these Regulations, approve.

10.—Before approving any scheme so submitted to him by the Medical Research Committee, the Chairman of the Joint Committee shall consult the Advisory Council for Research.

11.—There shall be paid from time to time out of the moneys standing to the credit of the Medical Research Fund—

(*a*) to members of the Advisory Council for Research travelling expenses and subsistence allowances, upon a scale to be approved by the Chairman of the Joint Committee, incurred by them in attending meetings of the Council;

(*b*) such sums as the Chairman of the Joint Committee may direct, as honoraria to members of the Medical Research Committee, not being the Chairman of the Committee or members of the Commons House of Parliament;

(*c*) such sums as may be required for the administrative purposes of the Medical Research Committee;

(*d*) such sums as the Chairman of the Joint Committee may from time to time direct to be paid to the Medical Research Committee for the purposes of any scheme or schemes approved as aforesaid.

12.—(1) The accounts of the Medical Research Fund shall be made up for each financial year ending the 31st March, and shall be audited in such manner as the Treasury may direct. Any balance standing to the credit of the Fund as at the end of any financial year shall, if the terms of the Parliamentary grant so provide, be carried forward to the next financial year.

(2) Any moneys from time to time standing to the credit of the Fund and not for the time being required for the purposes of these Regulations may, if the Joint Committee so direct, be invested in any securities for the time being authorised as investments for approved societies under subsection (2) of Section 56 of the Act.

13.—The accounts of the Medical Research Committee shall be audited in such manner as the Treasury may direct.

14.—Save as otherwise expressly provided in these Regulations, no moneys shall be paid by way of salary, fee, or otherwise, out of the Medical Research Fund to any members of the Medical Research Committee or to the Advisory Council for Research.

March 21st, 1914.

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ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNQUALIFIED PERSONS.

REPORT BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.

IN the course of last year communications passed between the Censors' Board and the Insurance Commissioners on the subject of the employment of non-qualified persons under the Insurance Act. The contention of the Commissioners appeared to be that, while none but registered medical practitioners are admissible to the panels, yet there was nothing in the Act of 1911 to prevent insured persons, who are allowed or required to make their own arrangements for medical benefit, from making such arrangements with persons who are not legally qualified medical practitioners.

More recently the Commissioners, "for the purpose of removing doubts and for the convenience of Insurance Committees," have altered the Regulations in this respect, and in their new Regulations [National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations, 1913, Section 44 (2)], and in a "Memorandum with regard to persons making their own arrangements under Section 15 (3) of the National Insurance Act, 1911," the possibility of treatment by unqualified persons under this Section of the Act is specifically recognized, and provisions are made with respect to it.

The President and Censors consider that to give unqualified persons any status whatever under an Act of Parliament is an innovation which should not pass unnoticed by the College.

They therefore submitted a resolution, which was adopted by the College, in the following form:

National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations, 1913.

The College observes with regret that in Section 44 (2) of the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations, 1913, and the Memorandum issued in connexion therewith, provision is made whereby insured persons who make their own arrangements for medical benefit under Section 15 (3) of the National Insurance Act may obtain treatment from non-qualified persons.

Hitherto none but duly qualified medical practitioners have been employed, as such, in any public capacity, and the College deplores that now, under an Act professing to promote the health of the nation, recognition should be given and provision made for the payment of public money to a class of persons who have not obtained a legal qualification to practise medicine and concerning whose medical knowledge there exists no sort of guarantee.

INQUIRIES AS TO THE CONTINUANCE OF PRACTITIONERS ON THE PANEL.

THE COMMISSION'S DECISIONS.

THE proceedings at the two inquiries held at the offices of the Insurance Commissioners, London, under Section 15 (2) (*b*) of the Insurance Act and Part VI of the Medical Benefit Regulations, 1913, were reported in the SUPPLEMENT to the JOURNAL of March 28th, p. 187. The Inquiry Committee in each case consisted of Mr. J. Fischer Williams, barrister, Chairman, and Dr. T. M. Carter and Dr. Milburn, with Mr. P. A. Koppel, Clerk. At the conclusion of each inquiry the CHAIRMAN stated that the Committee would consider its report. The reports have now been presented to the Commissioners, and we are informed by the Insurance Commission that, after considering these reports, the Commissioners have decided as follows:

Complaint by Gloucester Insurance Committee.

With regard to the inquiry on March 20th to investigate representations made by the Gloucester (County Borough) Insurance Committee in respect to Dr. Oswald Arnold Gee, a medical practitioner on the panel, we are informed that the Commissioners have been satisfied, as the result of that inquiry, that the continuance of this practitioner on the list of medical practitioners who have agreed to attend and treat insured persons whose medical benefit is administered by the Committee, would be prejudicial to the medical service of the insured, and have accordingly directed, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 15 (1) (*b*) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the Regulations made thereunder, that his name be removed from the list. The Commissioners have, however, notified the Committee that, in the opinion of the Commission, having regard to the particular circumstances of the case, there would be no impropriety in the Insurance Committee acceding to any application made by Dr. Gee on or after January 1st, 1915, to be restored to the list.

Complaint by the Liverpool Insurance Committee.

We are informed by the Insurance Commission that the Commissioners, as the result of the inquiry on March 21st to investigate the representations made by the Liverpool Insurance Committee with respect to Robert Fawcitt Granger, a medical practitioner on the panel, have been satisfied that the continuance of this practitioner on the list of medical practitioners who have agreed to attend and treat insured persons whose medical benefit is administered by the Committee would be prejudicial to the medical service of the insured, and have accordingly directed, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 15 (1) (*b*) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the Regulations made thereunder, that his name be removed from the list.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.

MEMORANDUM BY WELSH COMMISSIONERS.

THE Insurance Commissioners for Wales have issued a circular letter to medical practitioners, Memo. 173a/I.C. (Wales), covering a preliminary memorandum prepared as the result of suggestions made at conferences with Panel Committees. The Commissioners state that they are aware that the great majority of practitioners on the panel are already acting strictly in accordance with the memorandum, and it is for this reason that the Commissioners have every confidence in asking for their co-operation in securing a uniform standard of practice. It is stated that upon other questions discussed at the conferences, concerning which the views of the other Commissions and of the approved societies will have to be ascertained, a further communication will be issued.

Memorandum on Medical Certificates.

In view of the recent decision of the General Medical Council to take such disciplinary steps as are within its powers in reference to any substantial complaint of blameworthy carelessness on the part of a practitioner in signing certificates for a patient for the purpose of claiming sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts, it has been thought well to summarize certain points which were recently discussed with Panel Committees by representatives of the Welsh Insurance Commissioners.

In the opinion of the Commissioners the following considerations should be borne in mind by practitioners when undertaking the responsible duty of signing certificates of incapacity of work:

(*a*) Certificates should be strictly limited to the actual duration of incapacity and should be so worded as to make it impracticable for the insured person to claim sickness benefit for even a day beyond the actual period of incapacity.

(*b*) The cause of the incapacity should be stated with the greatest possible precision, as far as the personal knowledge and professional skill of the practitioner permit. This is obviously of great importance when the possibility of the condition being due to accident or to misconduct has to be considered. When specific disease or bodily disablement is due to traumatism or to venereal disease the certificate should be so worded that these facts are not concealed. It will then be open to the approved society to make such inquiries from the insured person as they may think desirable, with the object of determining the member's eligibility for sickness benefit, in accordance with their rules and the National Insurance Acts.

(*c*) The date of the certificate should always be that of the day on which it is signed, and should under no circumstances imply that the patient has been seen or examined when he has not actually been seen.

In respect of malingering the Commissioners are of opinion that practitioners should, without fear or favour,

resist all attempts to secure sickness benefit to which the claimants are not entitled.

The Commissioners consider that representations that a practitioner is attracting insured persons to select him owing to laxity in certification would afford grounds for inquiry as to the desirability of the continuance of that practitioner on the panel.

It should be added that the giving of a certificate which is not in accordance with the facts might lead to very serious consequences. Complaint might be made to the Insurance Committee, who would refer the matter to the Medical Service Subcommittee, or the circumstances might be the subject of a representation to the Commissioners, with the view of removing the practitioner's name from the panel, or representations might be made to the General Medical Council, which has clearly indicated that it will take a very serious view of any substantial complaint of this nature.

It may be convenient to recall the action taken by the General Medical Council. On November 30th, 1911, it adopted a resolution stating that it had been made to appear to the Council from time to time that some registered practitioners had given and signed untrue, misleading, or improper certificates in their professional capacity for subsequent use either in courts of justice or for administrative purposes. A number of such certificates were enumerated, including certificates "for excusing attendance . . . at ordinary employments." The Council by its resolution gave notice:

> That any registered medical practitioner who shall be shown to have given any untrue, misleading or improper certificate . . . is liable to be adjudged by them guilty of "infamous conduct in a professional respect," and to have his name erased from the *Medical Register* under Section 29 of the Medical Act, 1858.

At its meeting on February 23rd, 1914, the Executive Committee of the General Medical Council, after considering a letter from the Chairman of the National Health Insurance Commission (England), requested the President to inform Sir Robert Morant as follows:

> That in the event of the Council being officially placed in possession of a substantiated complaint of blameworthy carelessness on the part of a practitioner in signing certificates for a patient for the purpose of claiming sickness benefit under the Insurance Act, it would be prepared in due course to take such disciplinary steps as are within its statutory powers, in accordance with the terms of the Warning Notice which has been issued for the information of members of the medical profession.

NON-PANEL COMMITTEE.

THE Non-Panel Committee held its fifth meeting on April 2nd, when there were present: Dr. M. G. BIGGS (and afterwards Mr. E. B. TURNER) in the chair, Dr. Chas. Buttar, Dr. H. B. Densham, Dr. G. T. Myles, Dr. John Stevens, Dr. Alexander Thomson.

REASONS WHY PRACTITIONERS WILL NOT ACCEPT SERVICE UNDER THE INSURANCE ACT.

The Committee has drawn up a memorandum on the reasons why practitioners will not accept service under the National Health Insurance Acts, and has recommended it to the Council for approval at its meeting on April 22nd. This memorandum is an endeavour on the part of the Committee to frame a statement which may be taken as the foundation of the policy of the Association from the point of view of non-panel practitioners.

FREE CHOICE OF DOCTOR.

After consideration of Minute 92 of the Special Representative Meeting, December, 1913, and Minute 96 of the Council of January 28th, 1914, the Committee recommended to the Council that the policy of the Association be that such insured persons as may wish to make their "own arrangements" with medical practitioners not on the panel may do so without the necessity of such practitioners entering into any written contract, and with no consequential loss of benefits to the insured persons. The Committee has also requested the Deputy Chairman of Council to place this recommendation before the Committee concerning the future developments of the Insurance Acts.

CO-OPTION.

The Committee, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Council, has invited Dr. E. N. Nason (Nuneaton) and Dr. Leslie J. Wilson (Newcastle) to accept appointment upon the Committee.

LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE FOR LONDON.

The Committee received and approved a report of action by its Chairman, who, on being applied to for names of representative non-panel practitioners suitable for election upon the Local Medical Committee for the County of London, had expressed the opinion that it would be an unwarrantable interference on his part to take any steps outside his own area, as to which he had already taken action.

VACANCIES UPON COMMITTEE.

The Committee received the resignation of Dr. R. M. Beaton, London, and has recommended the Council to appoint two members of the Committee in the place of Dr. Beaton and of Dr. E. Hay, London, whose resignation was referred to in the report of a previous meeting.

CENTRAL INSURANCE DEFENCE FUND.

The Committee had recommended the Insurance Act Committee to make a grant to a practitioner out of the Central Insurance Defence Fund, but has been informed by that Committee that, while desirous of making a grant, it had been advised by the Solicitor of the Association that such grant did not fall within the objects of the Fund. The Committee decided to recommend the Council to make the grant in question.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

DUMBARTONSHIRE.

LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE.

THE annual general meeting of the Dumbarton County Local Medical Committee was held in Glasgow on March 27th.

Annual Report.—The report on the work done during the past year, presented by the SECRETARY, stated that five meetings were held, with an average attendance of ten. Many matters affecting practitioners' interests were dealt with and brought before the Insurance Committees and Commissioners; various details had been adjusted as desired, some requests had been refused, and others were still under consideration. Rules for insured persons were now printed on the medical cards to be issued. The Insurance Committee had been induced to appoint medical members to all its subcommittees, and their presence had had considerable influence in producing a correct understanding of many questions affecting doctors and insured persons. An emergency drug list adopted at the Committee's request had been amplified as found necessary. The Secretary attended the Dundee conference of Local Medical Committees. There were now approximately 24,000 insured persons in the county, and 63 doctors on the panel. So far no complaints by patients against doctors or by doctors against patients had been brought before the Insurance Committee. For the first medical year, £7,724 had been paid to practitioners, and £1,050 which remained in the hands of the Commissioners would shortly be paid out. The Insurance Committee adopted the scheme submitted unanimously by the Local Medical Committee, whereby the amount accumulated during 1913 in respect of unallocated persons was to be distributed among doctors on the panel in proportion to the number of insured persons on their lists, and, in accordance with the Commissioners' instructions, formal notification of the proposed distribution would be issued shortly.

Expenses of Committee.—In October a levy of 2s. 6d. was made on all practitioners in the county. Fifty out of sixty-three on the panel responded. There was a balance of £1 8s. in hand, but there would have been a deficit of £2, had not the expenses incurred previous to "recognition" of the Committee been paid by the British Medical Association.

MEETING OF PRACTITIONERS.

The annual practitioners' meeting took place forthwith, Dr. W. S. YOUNG in the chair.

Local Medical Committee.—The report of the Local Medical Committee was read and approved. It was

decided that the Local Medical Committee should now consist of twelve members, and the following (who also constitute the Panel Committee) were elected: Drs. Alexander (Kilcreggan), Anderson (Garelochhead); Armstrong (Lenzie), Blakely (Kirkintilloch), Blyth (Old Kilpatrick), Cook (Alexandria), Gilmour (Dalmuir), Kerr (Renton), Reid (Milngavie), Sutherland (Cardross), J. Young (Bearsden), W. S. Young (Helensburgh).

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

Thereafter the Panel and Local Medical Committees met. The following were appointed by the Local Medical Committee:

Executive.—Drs. W. S. Young (Chairman), Sutherland (Secretary), Blakely, Kerr, Anderson.

Member of Medical Service Subcommittee.—Dr. Armstrong.

Organization of Panel and Local Medical Committees.—The meeting approved the suggestion of the Provisional Committee on Organization of Panel and Local Medical Committees that the subscription should be £2.

Dispensing.—The SECRETARY reported that the Insurance Committee had agreed to pay by capitation for dispensing where permitted to be done by doctors; also that while any application would be treated on its merits generally doctors were not now to be permitted to dispense for insured persons when there was a chemist's shop in the same town or village, or otherwise convenient. Any doctor dispensing for insured patients this year without the express sanction of the Insurance Committee would do so at his own risk, and would probably be refused payment.

Medical Cards.—The issue of "medical cards" was almost complete. Inaccuracies were reported—patients having been entered as on the lists of doctors to whom they had not applied. After discussion it was agreed to await complete issue of cards before taking action.

Travelling Expenses.—It was agreed that the travelling expenses of members attending committee meetings should be paid from the funds.

Expenses.—It was reported that the Insurance Committee had approved of the grant asked by the Panel Committee, but the Commissioners' sanction had not yet been received.

Practitioners are invited to write to the Secretary, Dr. Sutherland, Cardross, regarding any matter requiring the attention of the Panel or Local Medical Committee, or on which information is desired.

ABERDEENSHIRE.

PANEL COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Committee was held on March 26th in the Hall of the Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society, Dr. RORIE in the chair.

The late Dr. Wm. Cockburn, Old Meldrum.—The CHAIRMAN referred to the loss the Committee had sustained by the death of Dr. Cockburn. Dr. Bruce (Secretary) and the Chairman were requested to express the sympathy of the Committee with the relatives.

Committee's Expenses.—A communication was read from the Clerk to the Insurance Committee intimating that the Commissioners desired a detailed account of how the money deducted from the practitioners' quarterly cheques for administrative expenses of the Panel Committee was to be employed. The Secretary was instructed to reply that this demand was *ultra vires*, as the money to be used was the property of the practitioners, and that an account of the expenditure would be laid before the practitioners' meeting at the end of the year.

Election to the Committee.—Dr. MAVOR (Bucksburn), was unanimously appointed to the vacancy on the Committee caused by the death of Dr. Cockburn.

Demands by the Pharmaceutical Committee.—A letter was read from the Clerk of the Insurance Committee forwarding a communication from the Pharmaceutical Committee asking that the majority of dispensing practitioners should be made to render accounts at tariff rates, and that certain others should be prevented from dispensing at all. The Clerk was instructed to repudiate the right of the Pharmaceutical Committee to dictate to the Panel Committee as to what practitioners should or should not dispense, and to state that the Panel Committee asserted the rights of the practitioners as laid down in the Act.

Contribution to the Organization of Local and Panel Medical Committees.—It was agreed to forward a contribution of £2 provided that a separate committee for Scotland was formed. Failing this the Committee decided to take no action.

COUNTY OF WORCESTER.

PANEL COMMITTEE.

THE third meeting of the Panel Committee was held at the Kidderminster Infirmary on March 27th, when Mr. J. L. STRETTON presided, and twelve other members were present. The Clerk of the Insurance Committee attended during the earlier part of the meeting.

Card Index.—The Clerk of the Insurance Committee stated that compliance with the request for the continuance of the card index would involve expenditure of time and money, but would be incurred if necessary. The Committee, after consideration, determined to adhere to its request for a card index.

Panel Work.—The Committee expressed the opinion that all inquiries by practitioners on the panel should be made direct to the Panel Committee, and not to the Insurance Committee.

Chemists' Hours.—The Committee recommended that chemists should be required to keep open until 9 p.m. during winter, and that after that hour should only be required to dispense prescriptions marked "Urgent." At a later hour the medicine should be supplied by the doctor, when necessary, as in emergencies.

Pharmacopoeia.—The following subcommittee was appointed to draw up a pharmacopoeia for the county: Drs. Addenbrooke, W. Horton, Protheroe-Smith, H. Freer, H. B. Emerson, and H. E. Moore.

Finance.—The accounts in the hands of the Treasurer were passed, and the provisional estimate of expenses for the year approved. It was also resolved that a voluntary levy of 1d. per annum for each insured person on a doctor's list should be made in addition to the compulsory levy allowed under the Act, and that every practitioner be asked to sign an agreement to this effect.

Organization of Local Medical and Panel Committees.—A resolution was adopted expressing the willingness of the Worcestershire Panel Committee to make a grant of £5 towards the expenses of the provisional committee for the Organization of Local Medical and Panel Committees.

Tuberculosis.—The Secretary was instructed to ask the medical officer of health if authority had been given to an assistant tuberculosis officer who was canvassing the doctors to hand over to his charge all their cases of tuberculosis, and whether such procedure received his approval.

PORTSMOUTH.

PANEL COMMITTEE.

THE fourth meeting of the Portsmouth Panel Committee was held on March 27th.

Constitution.—It was resolved to postpone the consideration of a scheme for the permanent constitution of the Committee until after the issue by the Commissioners of their promised model scheme.

Report on Conference.—The HONORARY SECRETARY made his report as Representative at the conference held in London on March 13th. The Committee agreed to the propositions passed at the conference, and to subscribe £3 to the fund for preliminary expenses, the number of insured persons on the index register being 59,618.

Expenses.—It was resolved to adopt a voluntary levy as the method for raising an expenses fund, and a Finance Subcommittee was appointed to consider and report on the matter.

Aqua.—It was reported that, after a good deal of discussion, the full Insurance Committee had adopted the recommendation of the Joint Services Subcommittee that, when the term "aqua" appears in a prescription, ordinary tap water should be used, except when otherwise specified.

WEST HAM.

MEETING OF PRACTITIONERS.

A MEETING of all practitioners residing in West Ham and of any other practitioners on the West Ham panel was held in the Town Hall, Stratford, on April 2nd. Dr. F. H. DAYUS was in the chair.

Report of Conference.—The meeting was called to hear the report of the Representative at the recent conference

of Local Medical and Panel Committees and to discuss other matters in connexion with the administration of medical benefit. Having heard the report of the Representative, a discussion followed, during which the opinion was expressed that the proposed new association would not serve any purpose which could not be fulfilled by the British Medical Association, and that it was better to concentrate all support, financial and otherwise, upon the British Medical Association. The following resolution was then carried unanimously:

That the practitioners of West Ham do not see their way to contribute anything to this new organization.

Prescribing and Certificates.—The meeting then discussed the question of prescriptions and certificates, and the following resolutions were carried unanimously:

1. That this general meeting of practitioners, having discussed the question of over-prescribing, desires to call the attention of every practitioner on the West Ham panel to the advisability of exercising due economy in prescribing and to the fact that the cost of unnecessarily expensive prescriptions can be recovered from the practitioners by a surcharge. The meeting is of opinion that proprietary preparations should be avoided as much as possible.
2. That this meeting recommends that great care be exercised in the granting of initial and continuing certificates, and especially in the accuracy of the dating of the same.

The meeting directed the Secretary to send a copy of these two resolutions to every practitioner on the West Ham panel.

INSURANCE NOTES.

IRELAND.

Certification of Insured Persons.

EIGHT months ago the Chancellor of the Exchequer promised funds for certification in Ireland sufficient to satisfy the demands of the medical profession, but no agreement has yet been reached between the profession, the Insurance Commissioners, and the societies. At the beginning of the year the Commissioners asked the doctors who had joined the certification panels and the "insurance advisers" to continue their duties up to the end of March; last week they appointed the medical advisers for a further period of three months, and invited the panel doctors to continue their duties for a similar period. It would appear that there is not much hope of an immediate agreement being reached. In the meantime the insured patients are being put to great trouble in many cases to get their certificates signed, and the medical staffs of the city hospitals are worried by continual requests to sign certificates for which, as a rule, no payment is forthcoming. The trouble is specially great in the case of some societies which require a weekly certificate during the patient's illness. In many cases the insured persons are being deprived of benefits, and find it impossible to obtain any redress. The fault of the delay does not lie with the medical profession, as it expressed its readiness many months ago through the Irish Medical Committee to come to an agreement with the Insurance Commissioners.

INSURANCE ACT IN PARLIAMENT.

EXCESSIVE SICKNESS INQUIRY.

MR. BENN informed Captain Wilson that sixty-six invitations had been issued to secretaries of approved societies with a view to the selection of representatives for the purpose of giving evidence before the Departmental Committee on excessive sickness and deficiencies under the National Insurance Act.

MARRIED WOMEN (EXEMPTIONS).

Mr. Jowett asked whether a married woman ordinarily and mainly dependent on her husband, but engaged for three months in each year to assist a near relative, for which assistance she received wages, was entitled to exemption from the payment of contributions under the National Insurance Act, 1911; and, if so, which of the printed forms issued under the said Act she should fill up and send to the Insurance Commissioners in order to obtain exemption.—Mr. Benn: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The appropriate form is Form X 1 (revised), a copy of which I am sending to the hon. member. The applicant should fill in the application and send it to the Customs and Excise officer for the district in which she lives.

DOMICILIARY VISITS.

Mr. Gretton asked whether officials of the Insurance Commissioners visited private houses and, without stating their business, endeavoured to effect an entrance for the purpose of putting questions to householders or their servants upon the answers to which legal proceedings might be founded; and whether instructions would be given that such action by the Commissioners or their officials should be stopped.—Mr. Benn said that he was not aware of any case in which an official of the Commission had concealed the nature of his business in order to effect an entrance into a private house; the latter part of the question did not, therefore, arise.

MEDICAL BENEFIT.

Operations.

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson asked whether attention had been called to the decision of the County of Worcester Local Medical Committee that vaccine injections and operations for appendicitis should not form part of the medical benefit for insured persons; and whether it was proposed to take any action in the matter, so that insured persons should have the adequate treatment to which they were statutorily entitled.—Mr. Wedgwood Benn said the medical benefit regulations provided that any question as to whether an insured person was entitled to any particular service should be considered by the Local Medical Committee and the Insurance Committee, and their conclusions reported to the Commissioners, by whom the question might further be referred for decision by a board of referees specially constituted for the purpose. It was understood that in the cases referred to no decision had yet been reached, and it would be premature, therefore, to make any statement on the subject.

Sparsely Populated Areas in Scotland.

Captain Waring asked what steps were to be taken to provide special medical service for sparsely populated districts in Scotland outside the Highland area, and what sum of money was to be devoted to that purpose.—Mr. Benn replied that the matter was at present under consideration; provision had been made in the Estimates for the ensuing financial year to enable a grant for this purpose to be made.

SANATORIUM BENEFIT.

Domiciliary Attendance (Wales).

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether his attention had been called to the statement of the medical officer of the Welsh Insurance Commission that the number of insured cases receiving domiciliary treatment was small and did not warrant the sum spent for them—namely, 6d. per insured person, paid to the panel doctors; whether several Insurance Committees had found themselves short of funds for sanatorium benefit in consequence of the above 6d. being diverted from them; and whether he proposed to make a temporary grant to needy Insurance Committees, so that consumptive insured persons might receive the sanatorium benefit they needed, and to which they were entitled.—Mr. Wedgwood Benn said that it was understood that the report quoted did not accurately represent the observations of the officer in question. These were addressed solely to the circumstances of a particular area in which domiciliary treatment had in many cases been given without formal recommendation for sanatorium benefit. With regard to the latter part of the question, expenditure upon domiciliary treatment was part of the Committee's expenditure upon sanatorium benefit as a whole, and extensive grants were already provided towards the cost of comprehensive schemes comprising arrangements for the treatment of insured persons.

Special Nourishment for Tuberculous Persons.

Mr. Cawley asked whether district insurance committees had power at their own discretion to allow special nourishment to tuberculous persons discharged from sanatoriums, or whether such nourishment could only

be allowed when a tuberculosis officer recommended it for assisting the restoration of working capacity in other than hopeless cases.—Mr. Benn said: The powers and duties of district insurance committees in connexion with the administration of sanatorium benefit are determined by the scheme adopted for the area in accordance with Section 59 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the Regulations made thereunder. Generally speaking, accessories in the form of special nourishment may be afforded to insured persons in receipt of domiciliary treatment where recommended on medical grounds. As the hon. member is aware, however, it is the duty of the Insurance Committee to provide treatment and not to relieve destitution.

Ireland.

In reply to Mr. Lardner, Mr. Wedgwood Benn said that up to the present time one county council in Ireland, namely, Meath, had agreed to meet one half of an anticipated deficiency under Section 17; the other half would be met by the Treasury in due course.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE UNALLOTTED FUNDS.

DR. HENRY GEORGE DIXON (City Road, E.C.) writes: With all due respect to Mr. Danckwerts, K.C., it seems to me that his opinion, received on April 2nd, was due the day previous: "A practitioner is only entitled to get what his contract entitles him to"! Is the learned K.C. poking fun at the profession?

As I understand insurance, its essence consists in the payment of a fixed premium for incurring certain risks. Under the Insurance Act a doctor's risk begins as soon as he puts his name on the panel; that day fixes the date from which should begin the payment to him of all premiums in respect of all insured persons who then or subsequently select him as their doctor, or are assigned to him as patients.

Even in the extreme case of an insured person who does not select a doctor for, say, twenty years, I contend that the doctor who is then selected is entitled to all the back premiums which have accrued in repect of that person during those twenty years, provided the doctor was on the panel for that period; otherwise, from the date he went on the panel, and to payment of that sum with interest, simple, or perhaps compound. And why not? Who would be incurring the risk during all those years? Evidently the doctor whom the insured person fixed upon in the end, and called upon to fulfil his part of the insurance contract. I think if this principle was applied in every case there would be a big hole made in the unallotted funds. If it is not so applied the Insurance Committee will be in the position of a medical aid society making a profit out of its sweated doctors. No regulations can override the common law of the land, but it will require some test case to be taken into court.

PROPOSED ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

DR. LACHLAN FRASER (Chairman Northumberland Local Medical Committee) writes: We decided at the recent Conference that an association of Local Medical and Panel Committees should be formed, and the Provisional Committee is now at work drafting a scheme to carry this into effect.

It will be some time before such an association can be formed, and meanwhile many matters of pressing importance are being dealt with by the various Panel Committees throughout the country. We all feel the need of getting into touch with one another, and at the last meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committees of the County of Northumberland we decided that that Committee should invite conferences with the various Committees in the counties of Northumberland and Durham, leaving the arrangements in the hands of our chairman. This, of course, is a provisional arrangement only, but I think it will prove of advantage to the bodies concerned, and I am reporting it, as similar arrangements might with advantage be carried out in other parts of the country, the most central committee in each case undertaking the arrangements, and each area roughly corresponding to that of the local Branch of the British Medical Association.

British Medical Association.

EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, ABERDEEN, JULY, 1914.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

President: WILLIAM AINSLIE HOLLIS, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., Consulting Physician, Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

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Chairman of Representative Meetings: THOMAS JENNER VERRALL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Consulting Surgeon, Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

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The Eighty-second Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Aberdeen in July, 1914. The President's Address will be delivered on Tuesday, July 28th, and the Sections will meet on the three following days. The Annual Representative Meeting will begin on Friday, July 24th, at 10 a.m.

The Address in Medicine will be delivered by ARCHIBALD EDWARD GARROD, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Physician, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

The Address in Surgery will be delivered by Sir JOHN BLAND-SUTTON, Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, London, W.

The Popular Lecture will be delivered by Professor J. ARTHUR THOMSON, M.A., LL.D., Natural History Department, Marischal College, Aberdeen.

THE SECTIONS.

The scientific business of the meeting will be conducted in sixteen Sections, which will meet on Wednesday, July 29th, Thursday, July 30th, and Friday, July 31st.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Secretaries of each Section constitute a Committee of Reference for that Section, and exercise the power of inviting, accepting, or declining any paper, and of arranging the order in which accepted papers shall be read. Communications with respect to papers should be addressed to one of the Honorary Secretaries.

With the object of encouraging useful debates, it is proposed, as in previous years, to publish in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL early in June an abstract or syllabus of the remarks intended to be made in introducing each discussion arranged in any Section. Such publication serves as a guide to members who may desire to take part in the discussion. It is particularly requested that the introducer of each discussion will send an abstract or syllabus of his remarks to one of the honorary secretaries of the Section in which the discussion is to take place, not later than Monday, May 22nd.

A paper read in the Section must not exceed fifteen minutes, and no subsequent speech must exceed ten minutes.

Papers read are the property of the British Medical Association, and cannot be published elsewhere than in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL *without special permission.*

The following sixteen Sections have been authorized by the Council:

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY.

President: Professor ROBERT W. REID, M.D., F.R.C.S., Aberdeen. *Vice-Presidents:* DENIS P. FITZGERALD, M.B., B.Ch., Cork; J. STRICKLAND GOODALL, M.B., F.R.C.S., London. S.E.; Professor JOHN K. JAMIESON, M.B., C.M.,

Leeds; Professor J. ALEXANDER MACWILLIAM, M.D., C.M., Aberdeen. *Honorary Secretaries:* NORMAN J. CALDER, M.B., Ch.B., Anatomy Department, Marischal College, Aberdeen; E. P. CATHCART, M.D., D.Sc., Department of Physiology, University of Glasgow; R. J. GLADSTONE, M.D., F.R.C.S., University of London, King's College, Strand, W.C.; HUGH MCLEAN, M.D., Chemical Pathology Department, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E.

The arrangement of the programme is not yet sufficiently advanced for its publication. Those who desire to read a paper or would like some particular subject to be discussed are requested to communicate with Dr. Calder.

DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILOLOGY.

President: ALFRED EDDOWES, M.D., M.R.C.P., London. *Vice-Presidents:* R. CRANSTON LOW, M.B., F.R.C.P.E., Edinburgh; J. M. HENDRIE MACLEOD, M.D., M.R.C.P., London, W.; J. A. NIXON, M.B., F.R.C.P., Clifton, Bristol; J. C. OGILVIE WILL, M.D., C.M., Aberdeen. *Honorary Secretaries:* J. FARQUHAR CHRISTIE, M.B., C.M., 7, Alford Place, Aberdeen; J. D. PRYDE MCLATCHIE, M.B., C.M., 34, Welbeck Street, London, W.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

July 29th.—Discussion: On the Need for some Method in the Conflict with Lupus and Ringworm. To be opened by Dr. NORMAN WALKER.

July 30th.—Discussion: On the Modern Treatment of Syphilis. To be opened by Mr. J. E. R. MCDONAGH.

July 31st.—Reading of Papers.

Arrangements will also be made for the demonstration of cases. Contributions of drawings, photographs, microscope and other specimens relating to dermatology and syphilis are invited, and should be sent as early as possible—not to London, but to Aberdeen.

DISEASES OF CHILDREN, INCLUDING ORTHOPAEDICS.

President: JOHN THOMSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Edinburgh. *Vice-Presidents:* ANDREW FULLERTON, M.Ch., F.R.C.S.I., Belfast; H. M. W. GRAY, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., Aberdeen; E. MUIRHEAD LITTLE, F.R.C.S., London; J. HUGH THURSFIELD, M.D., F.R.C.P., London. *Honorary Secretaries:* A. S. BLUNDELL BANKART, M.C., F.R.C.S., 14, Harley Street, London, W.; D. WATSON GEDDIE, M.B., C.M., 13, Golden Square, Aberdeen; H. TYRRELL GRAY, M.C., F.R.C.S., 60, Harley Street, London, W.

The arrangement of the programme is not yet sufficiently advanced for publication.

ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICS AND RADIOLOGY.

President: SAMUEL SLOAN, M.D., F.F.P.S., Glasgow. *Vice-Presidents:* W. J. S. BLYTHELL, M.D., Kersal, Manchester; DAVID LAWSON, M.D., Nordrach-on-Dee, N.B.; J. R. LEVACK, M.B., C.M., Aberdeen. *Honorary Secretaries:* M. R. J. HAYES, F.R.C.S.I., 35, Upper Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin; W. L. LOCKE, M.B., Ch.B., 31, Queen Anne Street, London, W.; F. PHILIP, M.B., 183, Great Western Road, Aberdeen.

The following programme has been arranged:

July 29th.—(1) An Introductory Address by Professor Leduc on Cerebral Galvanization. (2) Discussion on the Therapeutic Value of High-Frequency Currents.

July 30th.—Discussion on (1) The Comparative Value of *X*-Rays and Radium in the Treatment of Malignant Growths; to be opened by Dr. W. DEANE BUTCHER and Dr. JOHN MACINTYRE. (2) Electro-Therapy in Neurasthenia; to be opened by Dr. AGNES SAVILL and Dr. W. F. SOMERVILLE. (3) Demonstration on Muscle Testing by means of Condensers.

July 31st.—(1) Joint Discussion on the Diagnosis of Chronic Pulmonary Tuberculosis. (See Section of Medicine.) (2) Discussion on *X*-Ray Diagnosis in Gastro-Intestinal Conditions.

GYNAECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS.

President: F. W. NICOL HAULTAIN, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Edinburgh. *Vice-Presidents:* Professor J. ALEXANDER KYNOCH, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Dundee; Professor R. G. MCKERRON, M.D., C.M., Aberdeen; T. G. STEVENS, M.D., F.R.C.S., London; W. C. SWAYNE, M.D., Clifton, Bristol. *Honorary Secretaries:* H. S. DAVIDSON, M.B., F.R.C.S., 6, Atholl Place, Edinburgh; S. G. LAKER, M.D., F.R.C.S., 1, Harley Street, London, W.; ALEXANDER MITCHELL, M.B., 2A, Albyn Place, Aberdeen.

The following programme has been arranged:

1. Discussion on the Treatment of Fibromata. To be opened by Dr. HENRY JELLETT.
2. Discussion on the Management of Pregnancy and Labour in Contracted Pelves. To be opened by Dr ARCHIBALD DONALD.
3. Pathological Demonstration and short papers.

The Secretaries will be glad to hear from those who desire to take part in the proceedings of the Section.

LARYNGOLOGY, RHINOLOGY, AND OTOLOGY.

President: H. LAMBERT LACK, M.D., F.R.C.S., London. *Vice-Presidents:* J. M. BOOTH, M.D., C.M., Aberdeen; J. S. FRASER, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., Edinburgh; A. A. GRAY, M.D., F.F.P.S., Glasgow; T. H. LIVINGSTONE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Newcastle-on-Tyne. *Honorary Secretaries:* O. ST. J. GOGARTY, M.D., 15, Ely Place, Dublin; J. F. O'MALLEY, F.R.C.S., 16, Weymouth Street, London, W.; H. PETERKIN, M.B., 17, Bon Accord Crescent, Aberdeen.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

July 29th.—Discussion on the Treatment of Inoperable Growths of the Nose and Throat. To be opened by Mr. W. D. HARMER (Diathermy), Dr. WILLIAM HILL (Radium), and Dr. JOHN MACINTYRE (*X* Rays).

July 30th.—Discussion on Oto-sclerosis. To be opened by Dr. A. A. GRAY (Etiology and Pathology), Mr. J. S. FRASER (Clinical Aspects), Mr. G. J. JENKINS (Various Methods of Treatment), and Mr. F. F. MUECKE (Auditory Re-education).

July 31st.—Demonstration:—Mr. J. S. Fraser: The Pathology of Rhinitis.

Members wishing to read papers before the Section should communicate with Mr. O'Malley at the address given. Contributions for the division of the Museum set apart for preparations, specimens, drawings, and instruments relating to the work of the Section should be sent to Dr. Henry Peterkin, 17, Bon Accord Crescent, Aberdeen.

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

President: JOHN GORDON, M.D., Aberdeen. *Vice-Presidents:* J. MUNRO MOIR, M.D., Inverness; DAVID NICOLSON, C.B., M.D., Camberley, Surrey; GEORGE WILLIAMSON, M.B., Aberdeen. *Honorary Secretaries:* DAVID RORIE, M.D., 1, St. Devenick Terrace, Cults, Aberdeen; ANNE WATSON, 22, Waverley Place, Aberdeen.

The following subjects have been chosen for discussion:

1. State Medical Service or Panel System?
2. The Responsibility of the State as regards Venereal Disease.
3. The Duty of the State towards the Early Environment of the Child.
4. Medical Certification: (*a*) Generally (except Lunacy Certification); (*b*) Under the National Health Insurance Act.

MEDICINE.

President: F. J. SMITH, M.D., F.R.C.P., London. *Vice-Presidents:* J. R. CHARLES, M.D., F.R.C.P., Clifton, Bristol; G. MAITLAND EDMOND, M.D., C.M., Aberdeen; HERBERT FRENCH, M.D., F.R.C.P., London; Professor A. W. MACKINTOSH, M.D., Aberdeen; Professor T. K. MONRO, M.D., F.F.P.S., Glasgow; Professor A. M. STALKER, M.D., C.M., Dundee. *Honorary Secretaries:* D. BARTY KING, M.D., M.R.C.P., 6, Devonshire Street, Portland Place, London, W.; W. RATTRAY PIRIE, M.B., C.M., 20, Bon Accord Square, Aberdeen.

The following programme has been arranged:

July 29th.—Discussion on Headache: Its Causes and Treatment. To be opened by Dr. HARRY CAMPBELL.

July 30th.—Discussion on Artificial Pneumothorax in Pulmonary Tuberculosis. To be opened by Dr. RIST (Physician to the Laënnec Hospital, Paris).

July 31st.—Conjoint discussion on The Diagnosis of Chronic Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Infancy and Child-

hood. To be opened by Dr. BARTY KING (Section of Medicine), Dr. CLIVE RIVIERE (Section of Diseases of Children), Dr. IRONSIDE BRUCE (Section of Radiology).

NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

President: Deputy Surgeon-General W. MAXWELL CRAIG, C.B., R.N., Haslar. *Vice-Presidents:* Surgeon-General P. H. BENSON, I.M.S., Upper Walmer; Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel R. GRAY, I.M.S., Aberdeen; Major G. R. LIVINGSTON, M.D., R.A.M.C.(T.F.); Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE SCOTT, R.A.M.C. (ret.), Aberdeen. *Honorary Secretaries:* Captain CECIL JOHNSON, R.A.M.C. (T.F.), Cricklewood, East Sheen, London, S.W; Lieutenant-Colonel FRANCIS KELLY, M.D., R.A.M.C.(T.F.), West Craibstone Street, Aberdeen.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

July 29th.—Discussion on (1) the Treatment of Wounded in Naval Warfare. To be opened by Fleet Surgeon D. WALKER HEWITT, R.N. (2) Gangrene in War. To be opened by Captain C. MAX PAGE, R.A.M.C.(S.R.).

July 30th.—Discussion on (1) the Treatment of Syphilis. To be opened by Lieutenant-Colonel T. W. GIBBARD, R.A.M.C., and Major L. W. HARRISON, R.A.M.C. (2) On Common Ailments in Camp: their Prevention and Treatment. To be opened by Captain C. JOHNSON, M.B., R.A.M.C.(T.F.).

July 31st.—A lecture, with limelight illustrations, on Experiences of the Northern Party of Captain Scott's Expedition, by Staff Surgeon G. MURRAY LEVICK, R.N.

NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

President: F. W. MOTT, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., London. *Vice-Presidents:* DONALD J. ARMOUR, F.R.C.S., London; JAMES NEIL, M.D., Oxford; WILLIAM REID, M.D., Aberdeen; H. CAMPBELL THOMSON, M.D., F.R.C.P., London. *Honorary Secretaries:* H. DE MAINE ALEXANDER, M.D., Aberdeen District Asylum, Kingseat, Newmachar; M. D. EDER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., 7, Welbeck Street, London, W.; A. W. FALCONER, M.D., M.R.C.P., 18, Bon Accord Square, Aberdeen.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

July 29th.—Discussion on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Parenchymatous Syphilis. To be opened by Dr. F. W. MOTT, Dr. BYROM BRAMWELL, and Professor MACINTOSH.

July 30th.—Discussion on the Significance of the Unconscious in Psycho-Pathology.

July 31st.—Independent Papers.

Those desirous of reading papers before the Section are requested to communicate with the Secretaries as soon as possible. Members are invited to contribute any preparations, specimens, or drawings, or any instruments or apparatus pertaining to the work of the Section, which have been designed by themselves, and in regard to these to communicate directly with the Committee of the Pathological Museum.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: C. H. USHER, M.B., F.R.C.S., Aberdeen. *Vice-Presidents:* A. R. GALLOWAY, M.B., C.M., Aberdeen; KARL A. GROSSMANN, M.D., F.R.C.S., Liverpool; N. BISHOP HARMAN, M.B., F.R.C.S., London; A. H. H. SINCLAIR, M.D., F.R.C.S., Edinburgh. *Honorary Secretaries:* F. R. HILL, M.B., C.M., 62, Warwick Road, Carlisle; Miss EUPHAN M. MAXWELL, M.B., 19, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin; W. CLARK SOUTER, M.D., 12, Bon Accord Square, Aberdeen.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

1. Discussion on the Choice of Cataract Operation. To be opened by Mr. E. E. MADDOX.
2. Discussion on the Hygiene of Reading and Near Vision. To be opened by Mr. J. HERBERT PARSONS.
3. Discussion on the Teaching of Ophthalmology to Medical Students. To be opened by Dr. MAITLAND RAMSAY.

The Secretaries will be glad to hear from those wishing to read papers or to give demonstrations before the Section as early as possible.

Contributions to the division of the Pathological Museum set apart for objects relating to the work of the Section are also invited. Communications relating to this subject should be addressed to the Secretaries of the Museum.

PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

President: W. S. LAZARUS-BARLOW, M.D., F.R.C.P., London. *Vice-Presidents:* C. H. BENHAM, M.D., M.R.C.P., Hove; CHARLES BOLTON, M.D., F.R.C.P., London; J. C. G. LEDINGHAM, M.B., Ch.B., London; J. H. TEACHER, M.B., F.F.P.S., Glasgow. *Honorary Secretaries:* G. MELLIS DUNCAN, M.B., C.M., 12, Bayview Road, Aberdeen; J. F. GASKELL, M.D., M.R.C.P., 23, Ladbroke Grove, London, W.; J. W. TREVAN, M.D., B.S., St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

July 29th.—Discussion on (1) the Action of Radiations on Cells and Fluids, to be opened by the PRESIDENT; (2) The Importance of Biochemistry in Immunity Reactions, to be opened by Dr. CARL BROWNING.

July 30th.—Discussion (in conjunction with the Section of Pharmacology) on the Pathology of Heart Function. To be opened by Dr. THOMAS LEWIS.

July 31st.—Discussion on the Importance of Variability among Bacteria and its Bearings on Diagnosis. To be opened by Dr. W. J. PENFOLD.

PHARMACOLOGY, THERAPEUTICS, AND DIETETICS.

President: Professor J. THEODORE CASH, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Aberdeen. *Vice-Presidents:* F. J. CHARTERIS, M.D., Glasgow; O. F. F. GRÜNBAUM, M.D., F.R.C.P., London; J. C. MCWALTER, M.D., Dublin. *Honorary Secretaries:* W. J. DILLING, M.B., Ch.B., Materia Medica Department, Marischal College, Aberdeen; J. M. FORTESCUE-BRICKDALE, M.D., 52, Pembroke Road, Clifton; J. DAVENPORT WINDLE, M.D., Cippenham Lodge, Southall.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

July 29th.—Discussion on Recent Advances in the Relationship between Chemical Constitution and Pharmacological Activity.

July 30th.—Discussion on the Pathology of Heart Function, including the Experimental Pharmacology and Therapeutics of Pathological Conditions of the Heart (Joint Discussion).

July 31st.—Discussion on the Pharmacology and Therapeutics of the Animal Extracts, exclusive of Thyroid Extract.

Those desirous of taking part in these discussion, or of making independent communications to the Section, are requested to write as soon as possible to the Secretaries.

STATE MEDICINE AND MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE.

President: Professor MATTHEW HAY, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P.I., Aberdeen. *Vice-Presidents:* E. LEE COLLIS, M.B., B.Ch., London; Professor F. W. EURICH, M.D., Bradford; W. HABGOOD, M.D., Sutton; W. LESLIE MACKENZIE, M.D., F.R.C.P., LL.D., Edinburgh. *Honorary Secretaries:* R. BALFOUR GRAHAM, F.R.C.S.E., Leven, Fife; W. ALEXANDER MACNAUGHTON, M.D., County Buildings, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire; FRANK E. ROCK, M.D., Town Hall, Edmonton, N.

The following subjects have been suggested for discussion:

1. The State Organization of Medical Service.
2. The Legal Investigation of Cause of Death and possible Reforms.
3. Modern Views regarding the Period and Duration of Infectiousness in the Commoner Zymotics.
4. Certification of Births and Deaths.
5. The Administrative Treatment of Tuberculosis, especially in regard to After-Care. In connexion with this subject a Paper on Garden Cities for Consumptives will be read by Dr. J. E. ESSLEMONT.
6. Malingering: its Extent and Control. Discussion to be opened by Sir JOHN COLLIE.
7. Unqualified Practice—Medical, Obstetrical, and Dental.

SURGERY.

President: J. SCOTT RIDDELL, M.V.O., M.B., C.M., Aberdeen. *Vice-Presidents:* J. GRANT ANDREW, C.M., F.R.F.P.S., Glasgow; ARTHUR CONNELL, F.R.C.S.E., Sheffield; W. MCADAM ECCLES, M.S., F.R.C.S., London; T. EAGLESON GORDON, F.R.C.S.I., Dublin; Professor JOHN MARNOCH, M.B., C.M., Aberdeen; ALEXANDER MILES, F.R.C.S., Edinburgh. *Honorary Secretaries:* G. H. COLT, F.R.C.S., 12, Bon Accord Square, Aberdeen; RUPERT FARRANT, F.R.C.S., 59, Queen Anne Street, London, W.; J. M. GRAHAM, F.R.C.S.E., 5, Castle Terrace, Edinburgh; S. THOMPSON IRWIN, M.Ch., F.R.C.S.Edin., 29, University Square, Belfast.

The following programme has been arranged provisionally:

1. Discussion on the Surgical Treatment of Arthritic Deformities. To be opened by Mr. ROBERT JONES.
2. Discussion on Anoci-association, or the Evolution of the Shockless Operation. To be opened by Mr. H. M. W. GRAY.
3. Discussion on the Etiology and Treatment of Carcinoma of the Tongue. To be opened by Mr. W. G. SPENCER.

The Secretaries will be glad to hear as soon as possible from those desirous of taking part in any of these discussions, or of reading independent papers before the Section.

TROPICAL MEDICINE.

President: Professor W. J. R. SIMPSON, C.M.G., M.D., London. *Vice-Presidents:* DANIEL E. ANDERSON, M.D. Lond. and Paris, B.Sc., F.R.S.E., London, W.; J. MITFORD ATKINSON, M.B., London; HENRY FRASER, M.D., Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States. *Honorary Secretary:* G. A. WILLIAMSON, M.D., 15, Forest Road, Aberdeen.

The following subjects have been selected for discussion:

Wednesday, July 29th.—The Training and Position in Administration of the Sanitarian in the Tropics. To be opened by Colonel KING, I.M.S., C.I.E.

Thursday, July 30th.—The Surgical Treatment of Colitis and Post-Dysenteric Conditions. To be opened by Mr. JAMES CANTLIE.

Friday, July 31st.—Kala-azar and Allied Conditions.

The officers of the Section will be glad to hear as soon as possible from those who propose to take part in the discussions or make any communication to the Section. Any such communication should not occupy in reading more than fifteen minutes (about 1,500 words), and for profitable discussion should be given the following form: (1) A definite statement of what it is intended to state, suggest, or prove; (2) a statement of the facts or arguments on which such thesis rests; (3) a very brief summary of the leading points.

A Special Subsection of the Museum is being reserved for exhibits in Tropical Medicine, and the Pathological Museum Committee, Marischal College, will be glad to receive instruction as soon as possible from intending exhibitors, and will later forward information as to packing, insurance of exhibits, etc., the expense of which will be borne by the Association.

PATHOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

THE Committee of the Pathological Museum, to be organized in connexion with the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association next July, proposes to arrange the material under the following heads:

1. Exhibits bearing on discussions and papers in the various sections.
2. Specimens and illustrations relating to any recent research work.
3. Instruments relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation.
4. Individual specimens of special interest or a series illustrating some special subject.

It is also proposed to make an effort to gather together series of exhibits relating to the pathology of the circulatory system and the ductless glands; the effect of radium on malignant growths; pyelo-radiography and x-ray photographs of brain, skull, and gall stones, and of ancient and historical surgical instruments.

While making these suggestions the committee, of which Dr. G. M. Duncan is chairman, will welcome specimens illustrating other subjects. The museum will occupy a central position in the same building as that in which the sectional work is to be carried on.

Communications may be addressed to the honorary secretaries, Dr. A. W. Falconer and Mr. William Anderson, F.R.C.S., Pathological Department, Marischal College, Aberdeen.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

The following is the provisional time table for the Aberdeen Meeting:

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH.
10 A.M.—Annual Representative Meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH.
9.30 A.M.—Representative Meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 27TH.
9.30 A.M.—Council Meeting.
10 A.M.—Representative Meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH.
9.30 A.M.—Representative Meeting.
2 P.M.—Annual General Meeting.
8.30 P.M.—Adjourned General Meeting, President's Address.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH.
9 A.M.—Council Meeting.
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
12.30 P.M.—Address in Medicine.
3 P.M.—Religious Services.
4 P.M.—Secretaries' Conference and Dinner.

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH.
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.
12.30 P.M.—Address in Surgery.
7.30 P.M.—Annual Dinner.

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST.
9 A.M.—Council Meeting.
10 A.M. to 1 P.M.—Sectional Meetings.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST.
Excursions.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE following books were added to the Library between July and September, 1913:

Presented by the Authors.

Hawthorne, C. O.: Studies in Clinical Medicine. 1912
Hearsey, H.: Nyasaland Protectorate: Sleeping Sickness, Diary No. 20. 1913
Ross, E. H.: The Reduction of Domestic Flies. 1913
Wale, W.; Bibliography of the Published Writings of J. H. Targett, Esq. 1913
Greenlees, T. D., of Streatham, S.W.: A Collection of Papers and Reprints by T. D. Greenlees. 1885–1910
Also Volume I Caledonian Medical Journal (to complete series).

Added to the Library through the "British Medical Journal."

André-Thomas: Cerebellar Functions. 1912
Auerbach, S.: Headache, its varieties, etc. 1913
Barnardo and Megan: Report on Experiments with Nastin B in Leprosy. 1912
Bastian, H. C.: The Origin of Life. 1913
Beale, O. C.: Racial Decay. 1911
Beatson, Sir G. T.: Modern Wound Treatment. 1913

Berkeley and Bonney: Difficulties and Emergencies of Obstetric Practice. 1913
Bhishagratna, K. K. L.: An English Translation of the Sushruta Samhita, in 3 vols. Vol. I. 1907
Bloch, I.: Die Prostitution I. 1912
Braun, L.: Diagnose und Therapie der Herzkrankheiten. 1913
Bruns-Kramer-Ziehen: Handbuch der Nervenkrankheiten im Kindisalter. 1912
Bryce, A.: Modern Theories of Diet. 1912
Burch, G. J.: Practical Exercises in Physiological Optics. 1912
Cantonnet, A: l'Ophtalmologie du praticien. 1912
Casper, L.: Lehrbuch der Urologie. 1910
Castellani and Chalmers: Manual of Tropical Medicine, second edition. 1913
Chantemesse-Mosny: Traité de Médecine, XVII. Etiologie et Prophylaxie des Maladies transmissibles par la peau. 1911
Choyce, C. C.: System of Surgery, vol. 2. 1912
Collie, Sir J.: Malingering and Feigned Diseases. 1913
Cooper, J. W. Astley: Pathological Inebriety. 1913
Cotar. Mineral Waters of Vichy. 1913
Cushing: The Pituitary Body and its Disorders. 1912
Davis, H: Skin Diseases in General Practice. 1913
Delille, A.: l'Hypophyse et la médication hypophysaire. 1909
Doty, A. H.: The Mosquito. 1912
Ehrlich, P.: Beiträge zur experimentellen Pathologie u. Chemotherapie. 1909
Escudero, P.: Kystes Hydatiques du Poumon. 1912
Ewald and Heffter: Handbuch der Arzneiverordnungslehre, 14 Aufl. 1911
Fischer, H.: Kriegchirurgische Rüch und Ausblicke von Asiatischen Kriegsschauplatze. 1909
Fox, H.: Elementary Bacteriology and Protozoology. 1913
Froin, G.: La Vie et les maladies du sang. 1911
Fry, Sir E.: The Liver Worts. 1911
Gardner, W. S.: Textbook of Gynaecology. 1912
Giffen and Dundas: Students' Manual of Medical Jurisprudence, third edition. 1913
Gilbert-Thoinot: Maladies des meninges. 1912
Godlee, Sir R. J.: The Hunterian Oration. 1913
Goldzieher: Die Nebennieren. 1911
Gouley, J. W. S.: Surgery of the Genito-Urinary Organs. 1907
Gray, H. M. W. and W. Anderson: Developmental Adhesions affecting the lower end of the Ileum and Colon. 1912
Grotenfelt, C.: Über Stieldrehung der Ovarialtumouren. 1911
Haas, P.: Laboratory Notes on Organic Chemistry. 1910
Haffkine, W. M.: Protective Inoculation against Cholera. 1913
Haig, K. G.: Health through Diet. 1913
Hallam: The Key to Perfect Health. 1912
Herman and Maxwell: Diseases of Women, new edition. 1913
Herms, W. B.: Malaria—its Cause and Control. 1913
Herms, W. B.: Laboratory Guide to Parasitology. 1913
Hewitt, Sir F.: Anaesthetics and their Administration, fourth edition. 1912
Hirschfelder, A. D.: Diseases of the Heart and Aorta. 1910
Holtos, J.: Symptomatologie und Therapie der latenten und larvienten Tuberculose. 1911
Holmes, A.: Conservation of the Child. 1912
Humphris, F. H.: Electro-therapeutics for Practitioners. 1913
Jamieson, W. A.: The Care of the Skin in Health. 1912
Kanavel: Infections of the Hand. 1912
Keith, A.: Human Embryology, third edition. 1913
Kleine, J. F.: Die Heilung der gichtisch-Rheumatischen Erkrankungen. 1912
Krause, P.: Lehrbuch der klinischen Diagnostik innerer Krankheiten, 2 Aufl. 1913
Kuhnemann, G.: Taschenbuch der speziellen Bakterioserologischen Diagnostik.
Lake, R.: Handbook of the Diseases of the Ear, fourth edition. 1912
Leduc, S.: La Biologie synthétique. 1912
Lees, D. B.: Incipient Tuberculosis (The Bradshaw Lecture, 1912). 1913
Lenzmann, R.: Die Pathologie und Therapie der plötzlich das Leben Gefahrdenden Krankheitszustande, 3 Aufl. 1913
London, E. S.: Das Radium in der Biologie und Medizin. 1911
Lorand, A.: Die rationelle Ernahrunpweise. 1911
Lorenz und Saxl: Orthopaedics in Medical Practice, translated by Ritchie. 1913
Mann, Sievers, and Cox: The Real Democracy. 1913
Martin, A., and P. Jung: Pathology and Treatment of Diseases of Women, translated by Schmitz. 1912
Mathes, P.: Der Infantilismus, die Asthenie und deren Beziehungen zum Nervenssystem 1912
Meyer und Gottlieb: Die experimentelle Pharmakologie. 2 Aufl. 1911
Moullin, C. M.: The Bradshaw Lecture on the Biology of Tumours. 1913
Murat, L.: Les Merveilles du corps humain. 1912
Von Noorden, C.: Die Zuckerkrankheit und ihre Behandlung. 6 Aufl. 1912
Oppenheim: Lehrbuch der Nervenkrankheiten. 5 Aufl. Bd. 2. 1908
Paterson, H. J.: Surgery of the Stomach. 1913
Plant-Rehm-Schottmuller: Leitfaden zur Untersuchungen der Zerebrospinalflussigkeit. 1913
Practical Medicine Series, vols. 1—5. 1913
Provincial Hospital Pharmacopoeias. 1913
Pusey: Care of the Skin and Hair. 1912
Reilly, S. F.: The Building of a Profitable Practice. 1912
Reynolds, S. H.: The Vertebrate Skeleton, second edition. 1913
Richet, C.: Anaphylaxis (translated by Bligh). 1913
Robin, A.: Les Ferments métalliques et leur emploi en thérapeutique. 1907
Robin, A.: Treatment of Tuberculosis, translated by Leon Blanc. 1913
Robinson, V.: Pathfinders in Medicine. 1912
Roget, B. F.: Hints on Alpine Sports. 1912
Schmidt, H. E.: Kompendium der Röntgen Therapie. 1913
Schottelius, M.: Bacteria, translated by Geoghegan. 1912
Sergent, E.: Technique clinique médicale et Seméiologie. 1913
Singer, K.: Die Ulnaris Lähmung. 1912
Smith, Major-General F.: Veterinary Physiology, fourth edition. 1912
Snow, M. L. H. A.: Mechanical Vibration. 1912
Spiller, G.: Papers on Inter-racial Problems. 1911
Swanton, E. W.: British Plant Galls. 1912
Tanzi, E.: Textbook of Mental Diseases, translated by Ford Robertson and T. C. Mackenzie. 1909
Thorpe, Sir E.: Dictionary of Applied Chemistry (Oilstone to Soda), vol. iv. 1913
Thresh: Examination of Water and Water Supplies, second edition. 1913
Turner and Carling: Treatment after Operation. 1912
Watson, Chalmers: The Book of Diet. 1913
Wickham and Degrais: Radiumtherapie. 1909
Willey, A.: Convergence in Evolution. 1911
Williams, Leonard: Minor Maladies, third edition. 1913
Wilson and Calvert: Textbook of Trade Waste Waters. 1913
Wingent, R. M.: Historical Notes on the Borough and the Borough Hospitals. 1913
Wood, H. C.: Pharmacology and Therapeutics. 1912
Yule, G. U.: Introduction to the Study of Statistics, second edition. 1912

Calendars, Reports, and Society Transactions have been received from the following bodies:

American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons, Transactions, vol. vii. 1912
Australian Institute of Tropical Medicine, Report. 1911
Boston City Hospital, Medical and Surgical Reports, sixteenth series. 1913
Calcutta University Calendar. 1913-14
Cancer Hospital Research Institute. Selected Papers, I. 1913
Canal Zone Medical Association, Proceedings. 1911-12
Chief Inspector of Factories, Annual Report. 1912
Commissioners in Lunacy, Sixty-seventh Report. 1912
Cornell University, Medical Bulletin, vol. ii. 1912-13
Durham University, Calendar of Medical School. 1913-14
France—Ministère de la Guerre, Statistique Médicale de l'Armée. 1910
Glasgow University Calendar. 1913-14
Harvard Medical School, Studies from the Department of Neurology, vol. v.
Home Office, Return of the Experiments on Animals. 1912
Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Tenth and Eleventh Annual Reports. 1912-13
India Office, Report of the Sanitary Commissioners with the Government of India. 1911
India, Director-General of the Indian Medical Service. The Indian Journal of Medical Research, No. 1. 1913
Ireland, National University Calendar. 1913-14
Japan, Annual Report of the Health of the Imperial Navy. 1910
Manchester University, Prospectus of the Faculty of Medicine. 1913-14
Medical Officer to the Local Government Board, Forty-Second Annual Report. 1912-13
Metropolitan Asylums Board, Annual Report. 1912
Metropolitan Water Board, Ninth Research Report. 1912
Michigan University, Transactions of the Clinical Society of, vol. iii. 1912
Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Prospectus. 1913-14
Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, Transactions, vol. xv. 1913
Registrar-General for Ireland, Forty-ninth Report. 1912
Registrar-General for Scotland, Twelfth Census Report, vol. ii. 1913
Rockefeller Institute, Studies-Reprints, vol. xvii. 1913
Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland, Transactions, vol. xxxi. 1913
St. Luke's Hospital Medical and Surgical Reports, vol. iii. 1911
St. Thomas's Hospital Reports, vol. xl. 1913
Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, Report of the Third Meeting of the General Malaria Committee, Madras. 1912
Shanghai Municipal Council, Report of the Health Department. 1912
Sweden, Report of the State Medical Institute on Infantile Paralysis. 1912
United States War Department, Studies of Syphilis. 1913
Westminster Hospital Medical School, Prospectus. 1913-14

A LIST of periodical publications, official reports, and Blue Books in the Library of the British Medical Association available for issue to members on loan has been printed, and copies can be obtained free on application to the Librarian, at the house of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. The regulations governing the loan of these publications are stated in the introduction to the list. The Library is open for consultation from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. (on Saturdays till 2 p.m.).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS IN AID OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for Research Scholarships, as follows:

1. An ERNEST HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, of the value of £200 per annum, for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.
2. THREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS, each of the value of £150 per annum, for research into some subject relating to the causation, prevention, or treatment of disease.

Each Scholarship is tenable for one year, commencing on October 1st, 1914. A Scholar may be reappointed for not more than two additional terms.

The Conditions of the award of Scholarships are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, 429, Stand, London, W.C.

GRANTS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for Grants for the assistance of Research into the Causation, Treatment, or Prevention of Disease. Preference will be given, other things being equal, to members of the medical profession, and to applicants who propose as subjects of investigation problems directly related to practical medicine.

The Conditions of the award of Grants are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C.

Applications.

Applications for Scholarships and Grants for the year 1914–15 must be made not later than Saturday, June 20th, 1914, in the prescribed form, a copy of which will be supplied by the Medical Secretary on application.

Each application should be accompanied by testimonials, including a recommendation from the head of the laboratory, if any, in which the applicant proposes to work, setting out the fitness of the candidate to conduct such work, and the probable value of the work to be undertaken. This is not intended, however, to prevent applications for Grants in aid of work which need not be performed in a recognized laboratory.

ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary.*

429, Strand, London, W.C.

March 30th, 1914.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

ARGYLLSHIRE DIVISION.

AT a meeting of members of the Association resident in Argyllshire, held in the Christian Institute, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, on April 3rd, the new Argyllshire Division was duly constituted, model rules adopted, and the following office-bearers elected:

Chairman.—Dr. J. P. Brown, Drumfin, Campbeltown.
Vice-Chairman.—Dr. Lachlan Grant, Ballachulish.
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.—Dr. Joseph A. Clarke, Milton House, Dunoon.
Representatives to Branch Council.—Dr. John A. Cameron, Lagganbuie, Dalmally; Dr. Joseph A. Clarke, Milton House, Dunoon.
Executive Committee.—Dr. Reginald N. Macdonald, L.R.C.P., etc., Salen, Mull; Dr. Duncan McDonald, M.D., Argyll Square, Oban; Dr. John D. McCallum, M.B., Lochgilphead; Dr. John Landsborough, M.B., Tighnabruaich.

Pending the decision of the Central Council, no Representative to Representative Meeting was elected.

DUMBARTONSHIRE DIVISION.

The Dumbartonshire Division held its first meeting on April 3rd, when Dr. GILMOUR (Dalmuir) presided.

Model Rules.—The model rules for a Division not itself a Branch were adopted.

Election of Officers.—The following office-bearers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. John Gilmour, Dalmuir.
Vice-Chairman: Dr. W. B. Armstrong, Lenzie.
Honorary Secretary: Dr. A. W. Sutherland, Cardross.
Representative for Representative Meeting: (Election delayed.)
Representatives on Branch Council: Dr. John Reid, Milngavie; Dr. A. W. Sutherland (Representative for Representative Meeting).
Executive: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Dr. J. B. Stewart, Kirkintilloch; Dr. C. L. Kerr, Renton.

Representation.—It was unanimously agreed to apply to the Council to grant the Division separate representation on the Representative Body.

Ethical Rules.—The "rules governing procedure in ethical matters of a Division not itself a Branch" were unanimously adopted.

Defence Union.—It was decided strongly to recommend members who had not already so protected themselves to join the Scottish Medical and Dental Defence Union.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

CAMBERWELL DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held on March 26th at Camberwell Infirmary. Dr. BATTEN was in the chair, and eighteen members and ten visitors were present.

Local Medical Committee for London.—Dr. CAPES asked for information about the election of a Local Medical Committee for the county of London under the Insurance Act. The SECRETARY stated that full details of the plan of election had been sent to every medical man in London by the Branch Council.

Physical and Electrical Therapeutics in General Practice.—Dr. Batten then vacated the chair, which was taken by the Vice-Chairman, Dr. PARTRIDGE, who then called on Dr. BATTEN to read his paper on "Physical and electrical therapeutics in general practice." During the reading of the paper demonstrations were given of solid carbon dioxide applications and ionization. At the conclusion of the paper Dr. CAPES moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Batten, and referred with pride to the prominent part the Chairman of the Division had taken in the pioneer work in connexion with electrical therapeutics. This was seconded by Dr. LANGFORD and carried unanimously. The meeting then adjourned to the electro-therapeutical department of the infirmary, where Dr. BATTEN gave demonstrations of portable incandescent electric and gas lamps, the ultra-violet lamp, portable *x*-ray apparatus, ringworm technique, high-frequency treatment, and Bergonié's apparatus.

Votes of Thanks.—On the motion of Dr. REYNOLDS, seconded by Dr. CLATWORTHY, votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to Dr. Keats for his kind hospitality, and to the guardians of the parish for the use of the rooms in the infirmary.

MIDLAND BRANCH:

BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Boston and Spalding Division was held at Boston on March 27th, when Dr. WHITE (Chairman) presided, and twelve other members were present.

Friendly Societies. — The report of the committee appointed to deal with matters relating to friendly societies was read and confirmed.

Departmental Committee on Excessive Benefit Claims.—The report of the subcommittee on Form M. 8 was brought to the notice of the members, and the SECRETARY announced the receipt of a letter and cheque from Dr. Moxham (Stickney) in support of the attitude taken by the Division with regard to friendly societies. On the motion of Dr. SOUTH, seconded by Dr. MONRO, the secretary was requested to write a letter of thanks to Dr. Moxham, and the amount was applied to the funds of the Association.

Medical Referees.—A discussion took place on the question of medical referees, and various opinions were

expressed, but the tenor of the meeting was in favour of the appointment of a whole-time referee. On the motion of Dr. RENDALL, seconded by Dr. WALKER, it was resolved, *nemine contradicente:*

That no fee less than 10s. 6d. be accepted by any member of this Division.

Representation.—On the question of representation, it was thought that if the Kesteven Division secured representation the Holland area ought to have equal rights. It was resolved to await further information.

OXFORD AND READING BRANCH:

READING DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held at the Royal Berkshire Hospital on March 19th. Dr. ABRAM was in the chair, and seventeen other members were present.

Resignation of Secretary.—The resignation of Dr. E. W. Squire from the office of Honorary Secretary of the Division was accepted with regret. The Division passed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his arduous and valuable work during a period of three years, including the trying time of the Insurance Act conflict. In replying, Dr. SQUIRE thanked the members for their whole-hearted support during his term of office. He thought that the recent struggle had resulted in considerable improvement in the conditions of contract practice, and also that the Government had shown since that time a greater inclination to meet the reasonable demands of the profession and to make the work as easy as possible. On the motion of Dr. G. S. ABRAM, seconded by Dr. STANSFIELD, Dr. Lambert was unanimously appointed Honorary Secretary of the Division. Dr. LAMBERT thanked the meeting for electing him.

Fee for Medical Referee.—A discussion took place with regard to the amount of the minimum fee to be accepted for giving an opinion as referee in the case of an insured person. DRS. SQUIRE and LAMBERT explained that the Executive Committee had referred the matter to the meeting of the Division, with a recommendation that the resolution passed at a meeting of the Representative Body in December, 1913, suggesting a minimum fee of half a guinea, should be adopted. Speaking in favour of a minimum fee of 1 guinea, Dr. ROWLAND said that the Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees was strongly in favour of the appointment of whole-time rather than of part-time referees. Dr. S. GILFORD, in supporting the minimum fee of 1 guinea, stated that he had voted for the resolution passed at the executive meeting, solely with the object of bringing it before the Division for discussion. Several members reported that lower fees were being accepted by practitioners in several places. Dr. HOPE quoted statistics of approved societies, intended to show that malingering was not at all frequent, and that approved societies could well afford to pay a fee of 1 guinea. On the motion of Dr. ROWLAND, seconded by Dr. FREEMAN, it was unanimously resolved:

That the fee for a second opinion on an insured person, given in the capacity of referee, shall remain at not less than 1 guinea, as decided at the annual meeting of the Reading Division held in 1913.

In reply to Dr. BOKENHAM, it was stated that the resolution did not affect the fees for private consultations on insured persons. It was decided that notice of the resolution should be sent to all members of the Maidenhead Division and to those members of the Reading Division not present. Dr. SQUIRE, Secretary of the Oxford and Reading Branch, agreed to communicate with the Oxford Division in the matter.

Non-Panel Committee.—Dr. NAPIER JONES explained that the Non-Panel Committee of the British Medical Association had been formed, at his suggestion, to safeguard the interests of members not practising as panel practitioners, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Dr. MAY and unanimously adopted:

That Dr. Freeman be appointed intermediary between the Non-Panel Committee of the British Medical Association and the non-panel practitioners of the Reading Division.

Dr. Freeman accepted the office.

SOUTHERN BRANCH:

SALISBURY DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Salisbury Division was held at the Salisbury Infirmary on April 1st. Dr. J. O. MARCH was in the chair, and sixteen members and two visitors were present.

Proposed New Branch.—On the motion of Dr. KEMPE, seconded by Dr. SAUNDERS, it was resolved by 8 votes to 2:

That a Branch of the Association be formed coterminous with the boundaries of Wiltshire.

Telephones and the Medical Profession.—The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

That the British Medical Association should approach the Postmaster-General with the object of securing that practitioners should have telephonic communication afforded them at a flat and reduced rate.

Mental Deficiency.—Dr. R. C. MONNINGTON, Assistant Medical Officer at Darenth Industrial Colony, Dartford, read an interesting and instructive paper on mental deficiency, including reference to recent legislation on the subject.

Pathological Specimens.—Dr. KEMPE showed specimens of: (*a*) An early tuberculous kidney, which was diagnosed by catheterization of the ureters; (*b*) an ectopic gestation. Dr. FISON showed a specimen of a large pyonephrotic kidney.

General Anasarca.—Dr. FARR read notes of a case of general anasarca treated with digipuratum and diuretin with very satisfactory results.

Atony of the Large Intestine.—Dr. THORNTON showed a series of skiagrams demonstrating atony of the large intestine treated by short circuit.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH:

MID-STAFFORDSHIRE DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the Division was held at Lichfield on March 31st, the Chairman, Dr. F. M. ROWLAND, presiding.

Medical Referee.—The CHAIRMAN moved as follows:

That, subject to such alterations as may from time to time be adopted by the Association, where any medical practitioner not devoting his (or her) whole time to the work is called upon by a lay body to express an opinion as to the capacity or incapacity of an insured person, the lowest fee such practitioner should accept should be 10s. 6d., exclusive of expenses; and that such practitioner should only express his opinion after the practitioner in attendance has been given an opportunity of consultation.

The resolution was carried unanimously, but as less than one-third of the members of the Division were present a notice of the resolution is being circulated in accordance with ethical rules.

Model Organization Rules.—The revised form of model rules of organization were adopted.

Assistant Medical Officers of Asylums.—On the motion of Dr. HODDER, the following resolution was carried unanimously:

That this Division of the British Medical Association is of opinion that a Subcommittee of the Medico-Political Committee should be formed to deal with the special interests of the assistant medical officers of mental hospitals and public asylums.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

AT a meeting of the Branch at Sheffield, on March 18th, Dr. STANGER, President, in the chair, the following business was transacted previous to the scientific proceedings reported at page 762.

Elections.—A list of candidates for admission was submitted, and six new members were added to the Branch.

Financial Reports.—The financial reports of the Branch and Divisions having been presented, extra grants were voted as follows: To Rotherham £3, to Sheffield £4, and York £2. As the details of expenditure of the Bradford Division had not been supplied, no additional grant was made. Attention was drawn to the large amount paid by the York Division for the use of rooms.

Eye Specialists.—The following resolution was carried:

In the opinion of this meeting, £350, as offered by the Education Committee of the West Riding County Council, for a whole-time eye specialist, is totally inadequate to secure the services of an experienced surgeon, and that the lowest fee offered should be £500.

Association Notices.

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, 1914.

DATE OF MEETING.

THE Annual Representative Meeting of the Association, 1914, will be held at Aberdeen on Friday, July 24th, 1914, and following days as may be required.

NOTICES OF MOTION: LAST DAY FOR RECEPTION.

ATTENTION is drawn to the fact that Notices of Motion from Divisions and Branches for the consideration of the Annual Representative Meeting at Aberdeen in July next, relating to questions affecting the honour and interests of the medical profession or of the Association (By-law 37), must be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL not later than the issue of April 25th, and for this purpose should be received by me not later than April 18th, 1914. Notices of Motion proposing to make any addition to, or any amendment, alteration, or repeal of, any Regulation or By-law, or to make any new Regulation or By-law (Article 31), must be published in the JOURNAL not later than the issue of May 23rd, and received by me not later than May 16th, 1914.

By Order,

ALFRED COX,

February 11th, 1914. *Medical Secretary.*

QUARTERLY MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE Quarterly Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 10.30 a.m., in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C.

By order,

GUY ELLISTON,

Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

April 2nd, 1914.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—Dr. P. R. Cooper, Honorary Secretary Science Committee (8, St. Peter's Square, Manchester), gives notice that a clinical and scientific meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, on Wednesday, April 29th, at 4 p.m. (tea from 3.30). Members desirous of showing cases or making scientific communications are requested to write to Dr. Cooper before April 20th.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—Dr. A. Todd-White, Honorary Secretary (23, Fillebrook Road, Leytonstone), gives notice that a conjoint meeting of the Division and the City Division will be held in the Wesleyan Church School, High Road, Leyton, on Friday, April 24th, at 4 p.m., when Mr. Bishop Harman, F.R.C.S., Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon, West London Hospital, will give a lantern demonstration on the Cure of Squint.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following notifications are announced by the Admiralty: Fleet Surgeon ARTHUR R. H. SKEY, M.B., to the *Princess Royal*, vice Bradshaw, March 31st. Fleet Surgeon HUGH P. TURNBULL to the *Roxburgh*, vice Skey, March 31st. Fleet Surgeon JOHN MENARY, M.D., to the *Lord Nelson*, and for general staff duties on transfer of flag, undated. Fleet Surgeon ELYSTON G. E. O'LEARY to the *Queen*, on transfer of flag, undated. Fleet Surgeon JOHN C. G. REED to the *Terror*, additional, for Bermuda Yard and Ireland Island, vice Rees, March 31st. Fleet Surgeon ERNEST S. TUCK to the *Natal*, vice Reed, March 31st. Fleet Surgeon WILLIAM R. TRYTHALL to the *Caesar*, vice Tuck, March 31st. Fleet Surgeon ROBERT J. MACKEOWN, M.B., to the *Black Prince*, on recommissioning, April 21st. Fleet Surgeon LOUIS E. DARTNELL to the *Africa*, on recommissioning, April 15th. Fleet Surgeon THOMAS AUSTEN to the *St. Vincent*, on recommissioning, April 21st. Fleet Surgeon HERBERT H. PEARSE to the *Talbot*, for voyage out, April 27th, and to the *Blenheim*, on commissioning, undated. Staff Surgeon RICHARD R. HORLEY to the *Sirius*, for medical charge on voyage out, April 21st, and to the *Psyche*, on recommissioning, undated. Staff Surgeon JAMES C. BRINGAN, M.B., to the *Vernon*, temporary, vice Horley, April 21st. Staff Surgeon CHARLES A. G. PHIPPS to the *Pyramus*, on recommissioning, undated. Staff Surgeon JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT to the *Sirius*, for medical charge on voyage home, undated. Staff Surgeon WILLIAM N. BLATCHFORD to the Royal Naval Dépôt, Deal, temporary, vice Ormsby, March 31st. Staff Surgeon ELIJAH R. L. THOMAS to the *Caesar*, temporary, April 1st. Staff Surgeon WILLIAM R. D. BRETON to the *Africa*, on recommissioning, April 15th. Staff Surgeon DOUGLAS V. LOWNDES to the *St. Vincent*, on recommissioning, April 21st. Staff Surgeon REGINALD H. ST. B. E. HUGHES to the *Pembroke*, vice Lowndes, April 21st. Staff Surgeon REGINALD ST. G. S. BOND to the *Commonwealth*, vice Pearse, April 25th. Staff Surgeon MAURICE T. WHALE to the *Blenheim*, on commissioning, undated. Surgeon JOHN C. FOLLIOTT D. VAUGHAN to the *Vernon*, additional for the *Vindictive*, vice Turnbull, March 31st. Surgeon JAMES H. WRIGHT, M.B., has been allowed to withdraw from the Service with a gratuity, March 25th. Surgeon RODERICK J. G. PARNELL to the *Victory*, additional for disposal, March 28th. Surgeon HENRY H. ORMSBY, M.B., to the *Wildfire*, additional for Sheerness Dockyard and Barracks, vice Wright, March 31st. Surgeon GUY B. COCKREM to the *Black Prince* on recommissioning, April 21st. Surgeon RODERICK J. G. PARNELL to the *Victory* for Royal Naval Barracks, vice Breton, April 15th.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

MAJOR WILLIAM R. BLACKWELL to be Deputy Assistant Director-General at the War Office, vice M. H. G. FELL, April 1st.

The following are restored to the establishment: Supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonel CHARLES A. YOUNG, vice F. J. Morgan, April 1st; Supernumerary Major ALBERT E. HAMERTON, D.S.O., March 28th; Supernumerary Lieutenant WILLIAM E. MORRISON, M.B., April 1st; Supernumerary Lieutenant EDGAR PERCIVAL, M.B., April 1st; Supernumerary Lieutenant STANLEY J. LINZELL, M.B., April 4th.

Major G. J. A. ORMSBY has been posted to Dublin.

Major A. H. SAFFORD has been posted to the Eastern Command.

Captain S. FIELD has been posted to the Irish Command at Cork.

Captain M. O. WILSON has been posted to the Eastern Command.

Captain W. F. M. LOUGHNAN has been posted to the Eastern Command.

Lieutenant T. A. WATSON has been appointed a Specialist in Advanced Operative Surgery in the Eighth (Lucknow) Division, with effect from January 16th.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

CADET CORPORAL GEORGE A. MACDONALD, from the Edinburgh University Contingent, Officers' Training Corps, to be Lieutenant on probation, February 20th.

Cadet JOSEPH H. C. WALKER, from the Dublin University Contingent, Officers' Training Corps, to be Lieutenant on probation, February 21st.

Cadet ROBERT FORGAN, from the Aberdeen University Contingent, Officers' Training Corps, to be Lieutenant on probation, March 4th.

No. 18 Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant-Colonel FRED D. WOOLLEY resigns his commission, March 21st.

Lieutenants confirmed in their rank: GEORGE H. HAINES, HOWELL G. JONES, and HENRY C. ROOK.

Cadet ANDREW R. F. CLARKE, from the Edinburgh University Contingent, Officers' Training Corps, to be Lieutenant on probation, February 17th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

COLONEL C. C. MANIFOLD, Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, United Provinces, is granted privilege leave for three months, combined with special leave for three months and twenty days, with effect from March 28th, 1914.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. MACTAGGART, C.I.E., is appointed to officiate as Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, United Provinces, during the absence on leave of Colonel C. C. Manifold, or until further orders.

Major DE V. CONDON is posted as Agency Surgeon in Kotah and Jhalawar, with effect from February 17th, 1914.

The services of Captain H. A. H. ROBSON have been placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal, for employment in the Alienists Department.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Senior Assistant Surgeons, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, to be Senior Assistant Surgeons with the honorary rank of Captain, December 8th, 1913: THOMAS H. BONNAR, CHRISTOPHER A. FARMER, JOHN ROBERTSON, WILLIAM D. NEAL, ARTHUR J. ARCHER.

To be Senior Assistant Surgeon with the honorary rank of Lieutenant: First Class Assistant Surgeon WILLIAM T. WHITE, December 8th, 1913.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

South Midland Clearing Hospital.—BERNARD G. GOODWIN, F.R.C.S., late Lieutenant R.A.M.C., to be Captain, December 4th, 1913.

Fourth London Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant HERBERT E. MIDDLEBROOKE resigns his commission, April 4th.

Fifth London Field Ambulance.—JOHN E. SANDILANDS, M.D., late Captain, List of Sanitary Officers, whose services will be available on mobilization, to be Lieutenant, April 4th.

First Lowland Field Ambulance.—ROBERT S. TAYLOR, M.B., to be Lieutenant, February 19th.

First London (City of London) Sanitary Company.—Lieutenant JOSEPH GROUNDS, to be Captain, December 4th, 1913.

Sanitary Officers whose services will be available on Mobilization.—Captain JOHN E. SANDILANDS, M.D., resigns his commissions, April 4th.

Second London Clearing Hospital.—Lieutenant-Colonel CHARLES MONK, retired list (late I.M.S.) to be Lieutenant-Colonel, March 6th.

For Attachment to Units other than Medical Units.—Captain WILLIAM RITCHIE, M.B., is seconded under the conditions of Paragraph 114 of the Territorial Force Regulations, February 19th; Captain ARTHUR H. W. HUNT resigns his commission, April 4th.

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

THE following changes have been notified by the Colonial Office:

WEST AFRICAN MEDICAL STAFF.

New Appointments.—The following gentlemen have been selected for appointment to the staff: W. H. Kauntze, B.A.Vict., M.B., B.Ch.Vict., M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., Nigeria: A. R. Paterson, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Nigeria; R. G. Ball, B.A.Dub., M.B., B.Ch.B.A.O.Dub., Gold Coast: E. J. H. Garstin, B.A.Dub., M.B., B.Ch.B.A.O.Dub., Nigeria; P. A. Clearkin, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., Queen's University, Belfast, Sierra Leone; J. McC. Clark, M.B., B.Ch.Aberd., D.T.M.L'pool., Sierra Leone; J. Atkinson, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., Gold Coast.

Resignations. — A. Hipwell, L.R.C.S. and P.Irel., D.P.H.L'pool., D.T.M.L'pool., Medical Officer, Nigeria; F. G. Thompson, M.B.Lond., Medical Officer, Gold Coast.

Retirement. — G. C. Walker, M.D., Ch.B.Vict., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.S.A.Lond., D.P.H.Lond., D.T.M.L'pool., Sanitary Officer, Gold Coast, retires on pension.

OTHER COLONIES AND PROTECTORATES.

J. T. Duncan, F.R.C.S.Irel., has been selected for appointment as a Medical Officer in the Straits Settlements; G. V. Fiddian, M.B., B.C.Cantab, has been selected for appointment as an Assistant Medical Officer in British Guiana; J. M. Mackinnon, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., has been selected for appointment as a Temporary Medical Officer in the East Africa Protectorate; B. C. N. O'Reilly, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., and E. E. Wilbe, L.S.A.Lond., have been selected for appointment as Medical Officers in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands; S. D. Stewart, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., has been selected for appointment as a Supernumerary Medical Officer, Trinidad; G. H. Lewis, M.D.Edin., and C. W. L. Cassel, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.T.M.Liverpool, have been selected for appointment as Assistant Medical Officers, British Honduras; H. B. Dodds, L.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.Irel., Medical Officer, St. Vincent, has been selected for appointment as a Medical Officer in the Straits Settlements.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, March 28th, 667 births and 526 deaths were registered in the twenty-seven principal urban districts of Ireland, as against 572 births and 469 deaths in the preceding period. These deaths represent a mortality of 22.8 per 1,000 of the aggregate population in the districts in question, as against 20.3 per 1,000 in the previous period. The mortality in these Irish areas was therefore 7.3 per 1,000 higher than the corresponding rate in the ninety-seven English towns during the week ending on the same date. The birth-rate, on the other hand, was equal to 28.9 per 1,000 of population. As for mortality of individual localities, that in the Dublin registration area was 27.2 (as against an average of 23.1 for the previous four weeks), in Dublin City 31.1 (as against 25.6), in Belfast 19.6 (or the same as in the previous week), in Cork 22.4 (as against 22.3), in Londonderry 14.4 (as against 16.2), in Limerick 29.8 (as against 22.7), and in Waterford 19.0 (as against 16.6). The zymotic death-rate was 3.0, as against 2.0 in the previous week.

During the week ending Saturday, April 4th, 747 births and 502 deaths were registered in the twenty-seven principal urban districts of Ireland, as against 667 births and 526 deaths in the preceding period. These deaths represent a mortality of 21.7 per 1,000 of the aggregate population in the districts in question, as against 22.8 per 1,000 in the previous period. The mortality in these Irish areas was therefore 5.5 per 1,000 higher than the corresponding rate in the ninety-seven English towns during the week ending on the same date. The birth-rate, on the other hand, was equal to 32.3 per 1,000 of population. As for mortality of individual localities, that in the Dublin registration areas was 26.1 (as against an average of 24.4 for the previous four weeks), in Dublin City 25.7 (or the same as in the previous week), in Belfast 17.8 (as against 19.5), in Cork 21.1 (as against 21.2), in Londonderry 14.0 (as against 14.9), in Limerick 17.6 (as against 21.3), and in Waterford 36.1 (as against 23.7). The zymotic death-rate was 2.1, as against 3.0 in the previous week.

Hospitals and Asylums.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

THE report presented to the annual meeting stated that during the past year 1,701 patients had been admitted to the wards and 1,854 had been attended and nursed in their own homes. Towards the scheme for a new out-patient department and other improvements King Edward's Hospital Fund had made a grant of £1,000. Other contributions to the special fund amounted to £2,000, but there still remained about £7,000 to be raised. The Ladies' Association had been able to supply the whole of the ward and household linen for the hospital during the past year, to continue the subscription of £50 to the Ladies' Association Bed, and to contribute a further sum of £400 to the special fund for the new out-patient department.

LEITH HOSPITAL.

THE annual meeting of the subscribers to Leith Hospital was held on February 27th, with Mr. Edmund Berry, president, in the chair. An outstanding fact in the past year's history of the hospital was the fall in the number of the out-patients, the decrease in that department being 2,049; there was an increase of 226 in the patients treated in the wards, but this left a total decrease of 1,823. Another outstanding fact was the fall of 10 per cent. in the subscriptions, and the chairman attributed this mainly to the Insurance Act, although he admitted that the prolonged dock strike might have had some influence. The total number of patients (indoor and outdoor) treated during the year was 12,616.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

WARNING NOTICE.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Warning Notice) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

ABERDEEN COUNTY.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

BARNSLEY: BECKETT HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Second House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS: NORTH LONSDALE HOSPITAL.—Male House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

BATH: EASTERN DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer (lady). Salary, £140 per annum.

BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary. £80 per annum.

BETHLEM HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Physician. Honorarium, £25 per quarter.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Two House-Surgeons. Salary, £40 per annum for three months, rising to £50. (2) House-Surgeon to Special Department. Salary, £50 per annum.

BRADFORD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeons (male). Salary, £100 per annum.

BRISLINGTON HOUSE ASYLUM, near Bristol.—Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £200.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician. (2) Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND WOMEN.—House-Physician. Salary, £80 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Two House-Surgeons. (2) House-Physician. (3) Throat, Nose, and Ear House-Surgeon. Salaries at the rate of £100 per annum.

BURNLEY: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Second House-Surgeon. Salary, at the rate of £80 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY. — Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

CARLISLE CITY.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Tuberculosis and School Medical Officer. Salary, £350 per annum, rising to £450.

CARLISLE NON-PROVIDENT DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

CHELTENHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

CHICHESTER: WEST SUSSEX COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum, rising to £250.

COLCHESTER: SEVERALL'S ASYLUM.—Fourth Assistant Medical Officer and Pathologist. Salary, £210 per annum, rising to £230.

CORNWALL EDUCATION COMMITTEE, Truro.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

DERBY COUNTY ASYLUM, Mickleover.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon; salary, £50 for first six months, rising to £150 during second year. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon; salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

DORCHESTER: COUNTY ASYLUM. — Third Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £350.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant Tuberculosis Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum, rising to £400.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY ASYLUM, Hellingly.—Third Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £275.

ESSEX ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY. — Assistant Tuberculosis Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

FOLKESTONE: ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

GLASGOW: VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—Assistant Surgeon.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum.

GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £140 per annum.

GROCERS' COMPANY.—Two Scholarships, each £300 per annum.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

HALIFAX: ROYAL HALIFAX INFIRMARY.—Second and Third House-Surgeons. Salary, £100 and £80 per annum respectively.

HASTINGS: EAST SUSSEX HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—House-Physicians. Honorarium £30 for six months.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Assistant Casualty Medical Officer. Salary, £30 for six months and £2 10s. washing allowance.

HUDDERSFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £80 per annum.

HULL: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

KENT COUNTY ASYLUM, Maidstone.—Fourth Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £200 per annum, rising to £220.

KETTERING AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £120 per annum.

LEEDS MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Honorary Medical Officer.

LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Honorary Assistant Physician.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—George Holt Chair of Physiology. Salary, £700 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL—(1) Honorary Physician. (2) Honorary Surgeon.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, N.E. — Assistant Dental Surgeon.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £200 and £150 per annum, rising to £250 and £200 respectively. (3) Medical and Surgical Registrars.

NORWICH: NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Physician. Salary, £100 per annum.

PORTSMOUTH CORPORATION MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £225 per annum, rising to £250.

PRESTON COUNTY ASYLUM, Whittingham.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROCHDALE INFIRMARY.—Senior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £110 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, rising to £120 after first six months.

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, King William Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, Henrietta Street, W.C.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

SALFORD ROYAL, MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S, AND MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITALS. — Joint Pathologist. Salary, £250 per annum.

SALISBURY INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

SHEFFIELD: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon for the East End Branch. Salary, £75 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) Ophthalmic House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum each.

SHREWSBURY: COUNTY ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £200 per annum.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

SOUTHPORT INFIRMARY.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House and Visiting Surgeon (males). Salary, £120 and £100 per annum respectively.

STOKE-ON-TRENT: NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY, Hartshill.—(1) Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. (3) Casualty and Out-patient Officer. Salary for (2) and (3) at the rate of £110 per annum, increasing £10 annually.

STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

SUNDERLAND BOROUGH ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £200 per annum, rising to £250.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £100 per annum.

WAKEFIELD: WEST RIDING ASYLUM.—Locumtenent Assistant Medical Officer (male).

WALSALL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 and £110 per annum respectively.

WEST HARTLEPOOL CAMERON HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Honorary Medical Registrar.

WEST RIDING ASYLUM, Menston.—Fourth Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum, rising to £230.

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND MIDLAND COUNTIES EYE INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) Two House-Surgeons. Salary, £125 per annum in each case.

WOLVERHAMPTON EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointments: Colnbrook (Bucks), Leicester (Leicester).

MEDICAL REFEREE.—The Home Secretary announces a vacancy as Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for the Bloomsbury and Hampstead, Whitechapel, and Westminster County Courts.

To ensure notice in this column—which is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found—it is necessary that advertisements should be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning. Persons interested should refer also to the Index to Advertisements which follows the Table of Contents in the JOURNAL.

APPOINTMENTS.

GILL, H. T., M.B., B.S., R.U.I., Medical Officer of the Children's Homes of the Oldham Union.

GROGAN, P. J., M.B., B.Ch., R.U.I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Ballymore Eustace District, co. Kildare.

HINCKS, T. E., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Hay District, co. Brecknock.

LEAHY, John P. D., M.D., D.P.H., Port Health Officer, Napier, Victoria.

LETCHWORTH, T. W., M.B., F.R.C.S., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth.

PIRIE, J. H. H., M.D., F.R.C.P.Edin., Pathologist and Assistant Bacteriologist to the Protectorate, Nairobi, British East Africa.

POWELL, J. A., M.D., District Medical Officer of the Cheltenham Union.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

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BIRTH.

FRENCH.—On March 30th, at 135, Harley Street, London, W., the wife of J. Gay French, M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S., of a son.

DEATH.

HICKMAN.—On March 31st, at The Hollies, Wanstead, Herbert Brian, the dearly-beloved and loving only son of Alice Maude and Herbert Vigers Hickman, M.B.Lond., aged 13 years 11 months.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
SECTION OF DERMATOLOGY, 4.30 p.m. — Cases and Specimens.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Professor A. Keith: Museum Demonstration — Imperfect Differentiation of Sex.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
SECTION OF OTOLOGY, 5 p.m.—Cases and Specimens.
SECTION OF ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICS, 8.30 p.m.—Papers:—Dr. R. W. A. Salmond: Some Experiments on X-Ray Filtration. Dr. Curtis Webb: Electrolysis in the Treatment of Haemorrhoids. Dr. C. Russ: The Measurement of Radium Rays as used Clinically.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich.—General Clinics, daily. Throat, Nose, and Ear: Monday and Thursday. Skin: Tuesday and Friday. Eye: Wednesday and Saturday. Pathology: Thursday. Radiography: Saturday. Special Lectures: Thursday, at 4.30, Cancer of the Rectum; Friday, at 2.15, Dropsy and its Treatment.

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DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		APRIL.
14	Tues.	Northamptonshire Division, Northampton General Hospital, 2.30 p.m.; Luncheon, 1.30 p.m.
15	Wed.	London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
16	Thur.	London: Insurance Act Committee.
17	Fri.	London: Future Developments of Insurance Acts Committee.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		APRIL (*continued*).
21	Tues.	London: Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 4 p.m.
22	Wed.	London: Council Meeting, 10.30 a.m.
24	Fri.	South-West Essex Division, Wesleyan Church School, High Road, Leyton, 4 p.m.
29	Wed.	Lancashire and Cheshire Branch, Clinical and Scientific Meeting, Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, 4 p.m.

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